

SOC Quiz - Ch 9

Name: _____

Multiple Choice

Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ 1. A system of stratification in which the ownership of property and exercise of power is monopolized by an elite who have total control over societal resources is called a(n) _____ system.
 - a. estate
 - b. caste
 - c. class
 - d. socialist
- _____ 2. In a caste system, one's place in the stratification is a(n) _____ status.
 - a. ascribed
 - b. achieved
 - c. assumed
 - d. ambiguous
- _____ 3. Max Weber called the opportunities that people have in common by virtue of belonging to a particular class:
 - a. strata indicators
 - b. social attributes
 - c. life chances
 - d. social anomalies
- _____ 4. "Inequality results from a system of domination and subordination where those with the most resources exploit and control others." This statement most closely reflects:
 - a. functionalism
 - b. conflict theory
 - c. symbolic interaction theory
 - d. social exchange theory
- _____ 5. In the hierarchy of social classes, secretaries, police, and firefighters are categorized as:
 - a. middle-middle class
 - b. lower-middle class
 - c. working class elite
 - d. upper-lower class
- _____ 6. Which of the following statements is true about wealth?
 - a. wealth is the monetary value of everything one actually owns
 - b. wealth is the amount of money brought into a household from wages, investments, income, and dividends
 - c. reliable data on the distribution of wealth is abundant and easily accessible
 - d. the wealthiest 1 percent of the population own 57 percent of all the net wealth
- _____ 7. Doing better than one's parents is a goal that:
 - a. is becoming increasingly more difficult to accomplish in the U.S.
 - b. is much easier to accomplish today than during the last generation
 - c. was more difficult to accomplish earlier in this century than it is today
 - d. is less important to those over forty-five than to young adults
- _____ 8. Social mobility occurring within a generation (e.g., when a person's class status changes as a result of business success or disaster) is called _____ mobility.
 - a. intergenerational
 - b. intragenerational
 - c. extragenerational
 - d. co-generational

- _____ 9. Statistics on poverty indicate that:
- a. while the majority of the poor have always been women and children, their proportion of the poor has decreased in recent years
 - b. more than half of all poor families are headed by women
 - c. despite an overhaul of welfare in the U.S., 80 percent of the poor receive food stamps
 - d. by 1997, only 12 percent of all poor in the U.S. were children (under 18 years of age)
- _____ 10. It is estimated that between _____ percent of the homeless are emotionally disturbed who would have been otherwise institutionalized.
- a. 3 and 5
 - b. 10 and 15
 - c. 20 and 25
 - d. 40 and 50